

GERMANS BEGIN GREAT RETREAT AS HINDENBURG LINE CRUMBLES

Already Transports Moving Eastward Have Been Discerned by Airmen—St. Quentin Captured by French—Cambrai Passed by the British

GERMAN DEFENSE SMASHED ON FRONT OF 50 MILES

In Belgium the Allies Are Making Rapid Progress in Enveloping of Lille Area and Cutting Off the Submarine Bases

(By the Associated Press.)

Germany's defenses between Cambrai and St. Quentin are crumbling under the determined blows of Marshal Foch, and the time of the expected German withdrawal from France and Belgium is drawing appreciably nearer.

Under the attacks of British, French and American troops, the Hindenburg system from the Scarpe to the Oise, a distance of 50 miles, is being overrun. In the north the valuable network of railroads in Flanders is becoming useless, and in the south the French are passing vigorously their advantage west and north of Rheims.

Northeast of St. Quentin the British advanced more than five miles eastward from the front line of the Hindenburg positions. A salient, most dangerous to the enemy, has been driven in between St. Quentin and Le Catelet, and the British are advancing through a big gap in the enemy line across important roads and railways toward La Cateau, one of the most important traffic centers west of the German border.

Field Marshal Haig has taken important heights south of Cambrai and east of the Scheldt canal, thus drawing closer the net about the town. The French met with spirited resistance in entering St. Quentin, but succeeded in throwing the enemy beyond the canal which cuts through the eastern suburbs. North and south of the town the French have advanced farther eastward.

In Flanders the Germans are reported to have set fire to the railway junctions of Roulers and Menin and to be removing their big guns from the Belgian coast around the submarine base of Ostend, which is being outflanked from the south. The Belgians now are five miles from Thourout, while the British are across the Lys, seven miles north of Lille, and are within seven miles of Courtrai. All these are important railway sectors and Lille is the strongest German position north of Cambrai.

General Berthelot speedily is driving the Germans back to their old lines in the Rheims region. Further gains were made between the Vesle and the Aisne and north of Rheims. Several miles more and the French will be in the open country north of Rheims and threatening the immediate communications of Laon. The French advance here and east of the Sulpis is placing the Germans between Rheims and the Sulpis in a pocket. In the Champagne there has been little change, but the French have rendered useless the railroad running through the Argonne forest from Challerange. This makes possible a further American movement on the eastern edge of the Argonne. North and west of Montfaucou in the center of the American sector west of the Meuse, the Americans again have moved forward.

Damascus has been occupied by the British.

London, Oct. 2, 1:30 p. m.—Between Cambrai and St. Quentin the German line of defense has been broken. It is uncertain what lines the enemy has in the rear. The British advance threatens the German line of retreat in the Oise valley and also from the Massif of St. Gobain.

Between the Aisne and the Vesle river, French troops in the last three days have advanced on a front of ten miles to a depth of three to four miles. The Germans now are retreating toward the line they held in 1917.

In view of the loss to the Germans of St. Quentin and the lines to the north of that city an enemy retirement on a fairly large scale seems probable. Given fairly good weather some very big changes on the western front may be seen before winter.

Paris, Oct. 2, 1 p. m.—(By the Associated Press.)—General Berthelot's army to-day is making good progress between the Vesle river and the Aisne canal. The French troops have captured five or six villages and their advance at some points has reached a depth of five to six kilometers.

With the British Armies in Flanders, Oct. 2.—(By the Associated Press.)—Field Marshal Haig's forces to-day captured Rolleghemcapelle and advanced three thousand yards southeast of Roulers.

Paris, Oct. 2.—The armies of Generals Gouraud and Berthelot on the fronts east and west of Rheims continued to-day against the Germans who appeared to be falling back more hurriedly than at any time since Sept. 26.

FRENCH ADVANCING EAST OF ST. QUENTIN

The Line Runs Along the Somme from Tronquoy to Rouvrois.

Paris, Sept. 2.—The French troops now have passed beyond St. Quentin. North-east, east and southeast of the town, according to the Havas agency, they hold a line running along the Somme from Tronquoy to Rouvrois and then along the St. Quentin-La Fere road to the river Oise, at Vendeuil.

THREE FRENCH ARMIES WON

In Great Battles Fought on Hindenburg Line.

With the French Armies in France, Tuesday, Oct. 1 (by the Associated Press).—Three French armies won important successes to-day. While General Debeney's forces were passing through St. Quentin to Rouvrois, across the Somme, General Berthelot's army made a big gain on the St. Thierry massif, northwest of Rheims. Farther east, General Gouraud's army advanced still farther north toward vital German positions. General Berthelot's men virtually have traversed the hills between Rheims and the Aisne. On that river they hold the left bank as far east as Conveux and have taken Bouvoincourt, Herveon, Trigny and St. Thierry. They also are in La Neuville, a mile and a half northwest of Rheims. General Gouraud, attacking along his whole front in the Champagne sector, advanced north of Auzer to within a thousand yards of Liry. Farther east this line was advanced to Vaux and Lancon, crowding the Grandpre gap and putting the German forces west of the Monthois-Vouzieres line into a most awkward position.

WHOLE GERMAN LINE WAS BADLY SHAKEN BY ST. QUENTIN'S FALL

The First Logical Result Would Be Retreat from Laonnois and Champagne Sectors.

Paris, Oct. 2.—St. Quentin is taken and the cornerstone of the Hindenburg system has fallen. Belgian forces, strongly opposed, are making headway toward Roulers and Menin. The Germans are preparing to evacuate the Lille region. British armies around Cambrai are successfully fighting one of the fiercest battles of the war. General Berthelot is driving the enemy back between Rheims and the Aisne and General Gouraud has reached Challerange, the important railroad center at the western opening of Grandpre gap.

WIDE GAPS TORN BY HAIG'S FORCES

German Line Penetrated East of Le Catelet and St. Quentin—Many Towns Taken.

London, Oct. 2.—Wide gaps have been torn in the German line between St. Quentin and Le Catelet by Field Marshal Haig's forces. The British commander reported to-day the breaking of the German line on the Fonsomme-Beaurevoir front. Beaurevoir is two and one-half miles east of Le Catelet and Fonsomme is nearly five miles northeast of St. Quentin. Sequahart, four and one-half miles southeast of Bellicourt, has been captured, as has the hamlet of Preselles, just to the north.

DAMASCUS TAKEN BY GEN. ALLENBY

Capital of Syria Was Occupied Tuesday, According to Official Statement by British War Office.

London, Oct. 2.—Damascus, the capital of Syria, was occupied by General Allenby's forces on Tuesday morning, according to an official statement issued to-day by the British war office.

ST. THIERRY MASSIF HELD

French Make Important Gains West and North of Rheims.

Paris, Oct. 2.—Heavy fighting took place in St. Quentin last night. Resisting stubbornly, the Germans were driven back to the east bank of the canal, says to-day's French war office statement.

West and north of Rheims the French have made further important gains. The entire massif of St. Thierry now is in French hands.

MOVING GUNS FROM COAST

Germans May Be Preparing to Evacuate Belgian Bases

ALLIES PLUNGING STEADILY AHEAD

Three Armies Are Splitting the German Defenses Apart

Paris, Oct. 2.—The Germans are moving their heavy artillery away from the Belgian coast, according to reports here to-day. The Belgian army, co-operating with the British army of General Plumer and the French army of General Degoutte, successfully renewed to-day their heavy attacks on the Flanders front.

MAJOR W. J. EAST KILLED BY AUTO

His Machine Overturned While He Was on Way to Mitchell Field Training Ground for Aviators.

Mineola, N. Y., Oct. 2.—Major Whitten J. East, commander of Mitchell field, an army training ground for aviators, at Garden City, was instantly killed to-day when his automobile overturned while he was en route to the field.

LEE, MASS., STORE ROBBED

Following \$3,000 House Robbery in Tyringham, Mass.

Lee, Mass., Oct. 2.—Police officials believe that burglars who broke into the Owens clothing store on Main street early to-day and made away with articles of clothing may be the same ones who burglarized the home of Mrs. John S. McLenan in Tyringham yesterday.

RESIGNATION ANNOUNCED

Von Hertling's Step Told by Emperor to the Reichstag Committee.

Amsterdam, Oct. 1.—At a sitting of the main committee of the German Reichstag on Monday, Vice-Chancellor Von Payer read a decree from the emperor announcing the resignation of Imperial Chancellor Von Hertling. He announced that the former chancellor had called a meeting of party leaders to discuss the situation. An indefinite adjournment then was taken by the committee.

AMERICAN ADVANCE REPORTED

Said to Have Gone Ahead Where Ground Was Bitterly Contested.

With the American Army in France, Oct. 2.—It was reported late to-night that the Americans on the front between the Meuse and the Argonne again had moved forward over one of the most hotly contested sectors of their advance, the ground north and west of Montfaucou.

ST. QUENTIN IS IN FLAMES

Smoke So Dense That Allied Airmen Fly Over It with Difficulty.

Paris, Oct. 2.—St. Quentin is burning at several points, according to Premier Clemenceau, who informed Marcel Hutin of the Echo de Paris to-day that French aviators have great difficulty in flying over the city because of the smoke rising from it.

CAMBRAI WAS MINED

But Allies Foiled German Plans by Going Around It.

Paris, Oct. 2 (Havas).—Cambrai has been mined, but the British forces have fought around the town and thus have foiled the plans of the enemy. The Germans decided on Sept. 1 to burn Cambrai, and forced the civilian population to leave.

BULGARIANS GOING HOME

They Wasted No Time on the Signing of the Armistice

SERBIAN REPORT TELLS OF EVACUATION

The Troops Promptly Got Under Way for Bulgarian Territory

London, Oct. 2.—Serbia is being evacuated by the Bulgarian troops who are returning to Bulgarian territory, according to the Serbian official statement of Tuesday night.

DECLARES TURKEY WILL NOT QUIT

German Newspaper Prints Report of Alleged Action Taken by the Turkish Cabinet.

Amsterdam, Oct. 2.—The Turkish cabinet has decided, "in all circumstances to adhere to the alliance with the central powers," according to a telegram published by the Cologne Gazette.

ANTI-GERMAN RIOTS

Are Taking Place in Bulgaria, Says a Zurich Dispatch.

Paris, Oct. 2 (Havas).—Anti-German and pacifist riots are in progress throughout Bulgaria, according to a Zurich dispatch to The Journal. It is added that rumors are current of the formation of a national cabinet in Bulgaria under the leadership of Premier Malinoff and Dr. Ghendeff, recently released from prison under a pardon by King Ferdinand.

MENIN AND ROULERS WERE SET ON FIRE

In the Face of Advance by the Allied Armies Through Belgium.

Paris, Oct. 1 (Havas).—Menin and Roulers, railway junctions in Flanders, have been set on fire by the Germans in the face of advancing Belgian, British and French troops. French guns now control the railway line running from Courtrai, through Thourout and Roulers to Ostend. British monitors are co-operating actively in bombarding the German lines on and near the coast.

SUNK BY AMERICAN

German Submarine Which Destroyed a French Cruiser.

New York, Oct. 2.—The German submarine which torpedoed and sank the French cruiser Dupetit Thouars in European waters Aug. 7, was, in turn, destroyed by gunfire from an American freight steamer, one of a convoy of 24 steamers which the French warship was helping to escort through the danger zone. It was learned here to-day. The freighter which sank the submarine is owned in Boston, and a report of the incident has just been received by representatives of the line here.

ACCUSED A SUICIDE

Joseph Usoskin Was Indicted on Bribery Charge.

New York, Oct. 2.—Under indictment on charges of bribery and conspiracy to defraud the government, Joseph Usoskin, manager for Valentine & Co., shirt manufacturers, committed suicide to-day in his home in Brooklyn, federal authorities announced.

454 MORE VESSELS

Are to Be Constructed in Additional Shipbuilding Program.

Washington, D. C., Oct. 2.—Construction of 454 vessels, of 1,800,000 dead-weight tons, is the additional program of the shipping board disclosed to-day to the House appropriations committee by Chairman Hurley in explaining his request for additional authorizations of \$484,000,000 for the present fiscal year.

HUGE FUNERAL CORTEGE

Accompanied Archbishop Ireland's Body to Cemetery.

St. Paul, Minn., Oct. 2.—State, municipal, civic and industrial activities in St. Paul and Minneapolis were halted to-day when the body of Archbishop John Ireland of the Roman Catholic diocese of St. Paul was borne to a grave in Calvary cemetery.

ABOUT 350 PERSONS DIED IN WRECK

Train Carrying 1,000 People Ran Into Washout Near Malmo, Sweden—Some Cars Caught Fire.

London, Oct. 2.—Three hundred and fifty persons have been killed, it is feared, in a railway accident north of Malmo, Sweden, says an Exchange Telegraph dispatch from Copenhagen to-day. Fifty children who were returning to Stockholm from the country are among the dead.

SPREADING IN MASSACHUSETTS

Influenza Is Claiming Many More Victims.

Boston, Oct. 2.—With the influenza epidemic spreading in various sections of Massachusetts, state health authorities to-day renewed efforts to obtain physicians and nurses to meet the heavy demands for help from many cities and towns. Some of the 121 additional physicians ordered here by the federal public health service and 15 nurses from Philadelphia reached here to-day.

A DOUBLE FUNERAL

Will Be Held for Sister and Brother on Wednesday.

Gordon Young, whose death was briefly mentioned in yesterday's paper, was born in Barre 24 years ago and had always resided here except recently when he had been employed in the copper mine at South Stratford. He came from South Stratford last Sunday, being ill at the time. Pneumonia developed and death ensued yesterday at 11:30, one day after the death of his sister, Mrs. James McDonald.

ONE-FIFTH RAISED

New England's Quota of the Fourth Liberty Loan.

Boston, Oct. 2.—New England's Liberty loan subscriptions showed a gain of \$30,546,000 in the daily report of the Boston Federal Reserve bank to-day, bringing the total for the first three days of the campaign up to \$97,992,000. This is nearly one-fifth of the district's quota of half a million. Many banks which had not before reported were included among the 721 which sent in returns. Tabulations showed that 71,976 persons thus far had purchased bonds.

SUBSCRIPTIONS CLIMBING

In the Philadelphia Federal Reserve District.

Philadelphia, Oct. 2.—Subscriptions to the fourth Liberty loan here climbed to \$33,963,950 in the third federal reserve district. This is the official total, but the unofficial figures are reported as approaching the \$100,000,000 mark. The following purchases were reported by the Liberty loan committee: Philadelphia, \$21,728,060; southern New Jersey, \$3,129,250; Delaware, \$876,850; eastern Pennsylvania, outside of Philadelphia, \$8,147,000.

VISITORS BARRED

Not Allowed to Visit Five State Institutions for the Present.

Visitors' day is temporarily suspended during the period of the epidemic of influenza at the following state institutions: State prison, Windsor. House of correction, Rutland. State school for feeble-minded, Brandon. Industrial school, Vergennes. State hospital, Waterbury. John E. Weeks, Director of State Institutions.

WOMEN WORKERS DO WELL

Have Already Turned in \$593,350 on Vermont's Liberty Loan Quota.

St. Albans, Oct. 2.—According to reports thus far submitted to Mrs. E. C. Smith, state chairman of the women's campaign for the fourth Liberty loan, the women of Vermont have raised \$593,350 in 23 cities and towns. In Caledonia county they raised \$107,800, in Chittenden county \$286,400, in Franklin county \$126,800, in Orleans county \$37,050, and in Washington county (only one village, Northfield Falls), \$35,150.

POSTMASTERS' MEETING POSTPONED

The meeting of the third and fourth-class postmasters, which was to have been held in Barre Oct. 3 and 4, has been postponed on account of Spanish influenza. Notice of the meeting will be given later.

DEATH LIST IS LARGER

But It Is Being Put Under Control

EXFURIOUS DOCTORS FROM BURLINGTON

Total Deaths in Barre During Last 24 Hours Were 17

Systematic distribution of professional and volunteer nurses, an accession of doctors from Burlington, headed by Dr. C. F. Dalton, secretary of the state board of health and including a number of college students from the state medical college, together with other measures of relief, gave promise of telling results in Barre's grip epidemic to-day.

Although the death list grows steadily, it is believed that the daily number of new cases is gradually decreasing. People who were stricken with the malady in the early days of the outbreak are again at their appointed tasks, and while the granite industry is almost at a standstill and business in the mercantile district is badly affected by illness of employees, there is ground for hope that distinctly improved conditions will result from the thorough-going efforts of the special relief committee and its co-workers. Automobile owners have placed a large number of cars at the disposal of the committee and at all hours, day and night, autos may be seen carrying assistance to stricken families. Arrangements have been made whereby medicine may be obtained from the drug stores until 1 o'clock in the morning, and it is probable that an all-night schedule may be arranged, as many people appeared on the streets in the later hours of the morning to-day, seeking medicine.

Much is to be gained by the arrival of a fresh corps of physicians, and efforts in the direction of procuring additional nurses are still under way. More beds have been provided at the City hospital. Clergymen, school teachers and many other professional people have enlisted in the work of caring for the stricken. They are laboring day and night.

Beyond a doubt the situation has progressed to a point where recoveries and deaths exceed the number of new cases, and the board of health does not anticipate any appreciable increase in the number of cases under treatment. The cumulative effect of good weather will help those who are well to resist the disease and will aid also in the restitution of those who are or have been ill. Sunshine is the greatest enemy of the germ, and it should be borne in mind that fresh air goes far to eliminate it.

To-day 17 deaths were added to the toll taken by the epidemic. The dead are: Carl R. Perry of 108 Washington street, Charles Duncan of Hayes place, James M. Walker of Mount street, Mrs. Jose Somavilla of 22 Wiley street, Edward Juries of 502 North Main street, George Morris of Green street, A. Orsi of 4 Foss street, Sabine D'Agostino of the Northern, David Pombo of 133 North Seminary street, Mrs. Battista Malbani of 10 Foss street, Giuseppe Villotti of 90 Railroad street, J. Domenico Zilla of 88 Smith street, Mrs. Frank Vanetti of Elliston street, William J. Mortimer of east hill, Ottavio Grani of 34 Maple avenue, G. Valli of 116 Summer street, and Giovanni Savoia of Scampli square.

OTTAVIO GRANI

Granite Manufacturer's Death Followed Week's Illness.

Ottavio Grani, a granite manufacturer, is dead at his home, 34 Maple avenue. His demise followed an illness of a week. Mr. Grani is survived by his wife and two children, Fosca and Renato Grani. He was born in Italy in 1873 and had been a resident of Barre for nearly 22 years, having resided for two years in Quincy, Mass., after his arrival in America. He was a granite dealer by trade, although in late years he was a successful manufacturer, his shop quarters on West Second street. The funeral will be held at the home Thursday afternoon, with interment in Hope cemetery.

MARL R. PERRY

Youngest Son of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Perry Died Yesterday Afternoon.

Marl R. Perry, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. William A. Perry of 108 Washington street, passed away Tuesday afternoon. An attack of typhoid fever some years ago left the young man in rather frail health, and when he was stricken with the grip a few days ago his condition declined rapidly. Besides his parents, he leaves two sisters and four brothers, as follows: Mrs. Charles Blanchard of Williamstown, Mrs. Byron E. Wright, Clayton V. Perry of St. Johnsbury, G. E. Perry of Barre, Lyle Perry of Minneapolis, Minn., and Ivan Perry of Omaha, Neb.

The deceased was a young man of exemplary habits and was well known in Barre. He was born in this city Jan. 14, 1891, and had always lived here. He was employed by the Barre Forwarding Co.

Funeral services are to be held at the home Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Rev. B. J. LeBlond, pastor of the First Baptist church, officiating. Interment will be made in Hope cemetery.

GEORGE MORRIS

Native of St. John, N. B., and Resident of Barre Since 1884.

George Morris, 2 Green street, died at his home on Tuesday evening at 6:45 (Continued on eighth page.)